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In re Application of: James Thommes  
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For : Method And Apparatus For Receiving A  
Universal Input Voltage In A Welding  
Power Source  
Examiner : C. Shaw  
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Attorney Docket No. : ITW 7188B

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's Action of  
February 2, 2000, the period for response of which is hereby  
extended by 3 months. Please amend the above-referenced  
application as follows:

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SPECIFICATION

Please amend the related application section as  
follows:

B' This new application is a continuation of, and claims  
the benefit of the filing date of, U.S. Patent Application Serial  
No. 08/779,044, filed January 6, 1997, entitled Method And  
Apparatus For Receiving A Universal Input Voltage In A Welding  
Power Source, which issued on December 14, 1999 as Patent No.

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